

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 99-02-01**

Date Prepared: January 28, 1999  
For Work Week Commencing: February 1, 1999  
Business Meeting: February 1, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

Place of Meetings All meetings are held at the Commission offices, 1701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana, unless otherwise noted.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. Wattage Monitor letter – Discuss proposal in letter (2/2/99)
2. N99.1.7 – Glacier Energy electricity supplier license – Discuss/Act on application (2/2/99)
3. D97.7.90 – MPC USBC – Discuss/Act on draft usbc order on allocation issued (2/2/99)
4. N98.7.157 – Energy West Gas License – Discuss Updating License (2/2/99)
5. D98.6.118 – Johnson v. MPC complaint – Discuss closing complaint (2/2/99)
6. N98.6.138 – Y2K NOI – Discuss and act on Y2K advisory group (2/2/99)
7. D98.12.289 – Treeline Springs – Discussion, direction, action on draft interim order (2/2/99)

8. Kern v. USWC – Discussion, direction, or action on complaint (2/2/99)
9. N98.12.280 – Discount Plus Collection Efforts – To follow up on the w/s held on this matter in mid-December. To discuss the NOCA sent on 12/30. To consider further action, if any is needed (2/2/99)
10. L99.1.1-RUL – USWC petition for emergency anti-slamming rulemaking – Discuss petition and proposed rules; obtain commission direction (2/2/99)
11. N98.12.284 – USWC “Introduction to Centrex Prime” – To discuss and act on filing (2/2/99)
12. Commissioner/ACT - Staff Travel (general) – To consider staff travel (2/2/99)
13. D98.10.217 – MPC rate reduction – For discussion – Place holder (2/2/99)

Legislative Meeting – Will be held at 9:30 am on the day of the Business Meeting.

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. CLARK FORK TELECOMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.8(Tina)

On January 19, 1999, Clark Fork Telecommunications filed a revised tariff page to change the calculation for prorating bills. Current tariffs assume a 30-day month. The revised tariff assumes each month has 31 days for the purpose of prorating opening and closing bills, resulting in a lower per day charge for customers. Additionally, the Montana Telephone Assistance Program credit will be prorated on the basis of a 31-day month from the date of application

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.10 (Vicki)

On January 22, 1999, US West filed tariff pages to remove SingleNumber Service (SNS) from their tariff. SNS provides a single telephone number to business customers with multiple business locations. Calls are routed to a specific business location based on the calling party's zip code. There are no customers subscribing to this service.

2. LINCOLN TELEPHONE COMPANY - N99.1.12 (Wendy)

On January 25, 1999, Lincoln Telephone Company filed tariff pages to provide CLASS services on a detariffed basis. Proposed services include Caller ID, Call Trace, Anonymous Call Rejection, Continuous Redial, etc. Terms and conditions, minimum rates, and actual rates were included in the filing.

3. Cherry Communications Incorporated, WAXS, Inc. Maxxis Group, Inc. Maxxis Communications, Inc. -- Docket N99.1.15 (Leroy)

On January 26, Cherry Communications Incorporated, WAXS, Inc. Maxxis Group, Inc. and Maxxis Communications, Inc filed a joint application for approval of Acquisition of Assets and for Assignment of Authorization to provide intrastate long distance services in Montana. Assets of CCI and WAXS will be purchased by Maxxis Group, Inc. Maxxis' Group, Inc. will transfer of certain assets to Maxxis Communications, Inc.

4. RONAN TELEPHONE CO. – Docket N99.1.13 (Kate)

On January 25, 1999, Ronan Telephone Co. filed proposed tariff revisions to: update its Low Income Telephone Assistance program; to delete obsolete references to mileage charges; to revise its pay telephone tariff to delete the coin rate, which is no longer regulated, and to remove rates for toll, which the company does not provide; and to revise its access service tariff.

5. US WEST COMMUNICATIONS – Docket N99.1.9 (Bonnie)

On January 22, 1999, US West filed Tariff Transmittal 99-04, Price List pages which introduce a CustomChoice promotion to run from February 15, 1999 through March 26, 1999. During the period, customers who order CustomChoice will be sent a coupon. If the customer fills out the coupon and returns it, along with a copy of their bill showing CustomChoice on it, they will be sent a check for \$20.00.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.  
D98.3.68 – Great Falls Gas Company – Notice of Staff Action on Extension and Waiver

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 99-02-08**

D99.1.10 – USWC – Vicki  
N99.1.12 – Lincoln Telephone – Wendy  
N99.1.15 – Cherry Com/WAXS/Maxxis – Leroy  
N99.1.13 – Ronan Telephone – Kate  
N99.1.9 – USWC - Bonnie

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N99.1.9 – USWC – Tariff Transmittal 99-04 “Custom Choice” promo and coupon  
N99.1.10 – USWC – Tariff Transmittal 99-03 “Remove single number service”  
N99.1.11 – USWC – Tariff Transmittal 99-AC01 “1+ IntraLATA dialing parity”  
N99.1.12 – Lincoln Telephone – Tariff new service custom local area signaling on detariffed basis  
N99.1.13 – Ronan Telephone – Tariff revisions: Update Lifeline text; delete obsolete text to mileage change; delete pay phone coin rate; update text of access service.  
N99.1.14 – USWC – Tariff Transmittal 98-45 Competitive zones; add Sidney & Fairview for Centrex 21 – Intro Promo  
N99.1.15 – Cherry Communications – Cherry/WAXS/Maxxis application for approval of acquisition of assets